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--The Editors--

Summer's almost gone; Winter's comin' on!

Face of the Mother:

3rd 1/4	9/07	6:15 am	MDST	Denver
New Moon	9/14	1:20 pm	MDST	Denver
1st 1/4	9/21	5:05 am	MDST	Denver
Full Moon	9/28	6:10 pm	MDST	Denver
3rd 1/4	10/06	11:05 pm	MDST	Denver
Fall Equinox	9/22	8:05 pm	MDST	DEnver

Planets & Balances -- OCTOBER

JUPITER(Wisdom) Retrograde(Backwards) in Aquarius(Creative Thinking) only 'til 10/4, THEN ALL PLANETS DIRECT(Forwards) -- at long last!!!

PROBLEMS WITH UNWISDOM ABOUT CREATIVE THINKING CLEARING UP ABOUT 10/4!

AIR(Thinking) high all month; FIRE(Willpower) low all month; WATER(Emotionalism) average 'til 10/10, going to very high; EARTH(Practicality/Materialism) high 'til 10/16, then average.

CREATIVE(Planning/Theorizing) average 'til 10/10, going to very high; ACTIVE(Doingness) average all month; EVALUATIVE(Retrospect/Criticism) average 'til 10/18, going to very low.

PRETTY WELL-BALANCED 'TIL MID-MONTH, THEN GOING TOWARD STRONG TENDENCIES TO EMOTIONAL PLANNING WITH LITTLE REGARD FOR MATERIAL PRACTICALITIES OR PAST EXPERIENCE.

AFTER MID-MONTH, BEWARE OF TENDENCIES TOWARD EMOTIONALISM ABOUT PLANS AND THE FUTURE. PAY ATTENTION TO MATERIAL PRACTICALITIES AND TO PAST EXPERIENCE!

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CONTEMPLATION:

"Without the land we will grow ox-like. As a people we will then have only the option of striving for material goods in a human-created world. We will lose touch with the spirit of the earth and be adrift in a sea of materialism."

-- Bernard Shanks --

This Land Is Your Land: The Struggle to Save America's Public Lands, Sierra Club Books, 1984.

HAPPENINGS:

Item: After about 3 years and a 450-mile odyssey, Muddy Water White, a pet cat, appeared at his owner's home in Dauphin, Pa., after having "bailed out" of the family's van near Dayton, Ohio, in June of 1982.

Item: Recent work with measurement of radon gas and mercury concentrations indicates that the superficially quiet south side of the Long Valley-Mammoth Lakes caldera (California) to be a most-likely eruption-point there.

Item: A U.S. District Judge recently ordered Coca-Cola Company to disclose the secret Coca-Cola formula originally devised May 8, 1886, by Atlanta pharmacist John Stythe Pemberton in his backyard. The formula is kept in a vault the combination to which is known to only a few Coca-Cola executives who are (as a result) prohibited from travelling on a single airplane together. Coca-Cola is refusing to comply with the judge's order.

Item: August 24, the University of Colorado Observatory managed a picture of Halley's Comet that confirms one by another observatory about 2½ weeks earlier that indicates that Halley's is currently about 10 times less bright than astronomers anticipated.

Item: Of 108 *in Vitro* human-fertilization clinics surveyed by *Medical Tribune* magazine, only 54 responded, of these less than half having ever achieved a pregnancy from the $1,375-to-$7,000 procedure, while a few reported achieving scores of pregnancies.

Item: University of Illinois graduate-student Cesar M. Compadre and pharmacologist A. Douglas Kinhorn have discovered a plant called *tzopelicxihuitl* by the Aztec and *lippia dulcis* by Spanish botanist Francisco Hernandez that is almost 1,000 times sweeter than sugar but contains no calories nor toxic substances. It grows on the Central Mexico plateau.

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PROJECTS & GATHERINGS:

Lynn Andrews Book-Signing (*Medicine Woman, Flight of the Seventh Moon*, etc.) Sept. 16, 7-8pm, @Tattered Cover bookstore, 2930 East 2nd Ave., Denver (303-322-7727).

2nd Annual Wild Magick Gathering, Sept. 20-22, at private site near Bloomington, Indiana. Write (business-size SASE): Wild Magick Gathering, c/o ELF, P.O. Box 1082, Bloomington, IN-47402.

2nd Annual Northwest Fall Equinox Gathering, Sept. 20-22, at Beacon Rock State Park, in southwest Washington state. Workshops, Rituals, dancing, and so on, sponsored by Portland Mythic Circle. Write (business-size SASE): Norhtwest Fall Equinox Gathering, P.O. Box 14015, Portland, OR-97214.

Barony of Caerthe-Society for Creative Anachronism:

1) *St. Iric Tourney & Revel* Oct. 5. Tourney 10am @Platte Park (Denver); Feast & Revel 7pm @Washington Park Community Center (809 S. Wash., Denver). For more information: House Halogoland (303)698-0693 (NOT collect!).

2) *Annual Peasant Feast & Revel* Oct. 26, (reservations by Oct. 19) @St. Andrew's Seminary, 1050 S. Birch, Denver. Feast 6:30pm, Revel 8pm. For more information: Lady Amelia (303)329-8528 or Master Robin (303) 444-5004 (NOT collect on either!).

Stereotypes of Witchcraft discussion-series with video-tapes by Ann Forfreedom. 4 sessions beginning Oct. 6, 2-5pm, @Goddess Rising Reading Room (wheelchair accessible), at 2441 Cordova St., Oakland, Calif. $20 donation asked for complete series. For more information: Ann Forfreedom (415)536-3174.

Council of Magical Arts Samhain Festival, Oct. 25-27, in Houston (Texas). Contact: B. Haskell, 5920 Bissonnet, Houston, TX-77081.

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SPECIAL NOTICES!!!

The good folk at The Oaken Door, publishers of *The Vigil* (Aug. "*Literates' Corner*"), are seeking former subscribers to *New Pagan Revival* and/or *Craft News Brews* in order to fulfill any remaining debts to such. Anyone in this category please write: Bob Clark, c/o The Oaken Door, P.O. Box 31250, Omaha, NE-68132.

Richard Heretic, publisher of *Heretic's Journal*. and the related *Bulletin*, says he's lost some mail, including some enquiries and such. Anyone who wrote him or the *Journal* or the *Bulletin* and got no reply -- please write again to: *Heretic's Journal*, P.O. Box 12347, Seattle, WA-98111.

Literates' Corner:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PAGAN JOURNAL's premier issue (Aug.-*free sample on request!*) is (*textwise, there having been some problems with the printing*) a really interesting combination of news, poetries, "how-to"s, and opinions on topics of interest to Practitioners in general and those in the Rocky Mountain area in particular. If these folk persist in the quality of their material, the $10/yr.-6 issues ($2/single-issue) subscription-rate will provide some worthwhile reading. (*They are also actively soliciting letters, articles, poetry, opinions, and line-drawings for future issues!*) Enquiries, subscriptions, and/or submissions to: Hernsgaard, P.O. Box 620604, Littleton, CO-80162.

WARRIOR LORD CAMULUS magazine (@$2/issue, intended 4/yr. on Great Sabbats, but may be a bit irregular this 1st year) is intended mainly as a vehicle whereby the Wiccan community may discuss some of the major issues confronting the Craft in these times (*such as the idea of some sort of National Council of the Wiccae*). We thought the first issue had some well-written articles and opinions, and there were some items of theology not usually seen, all quite interesting from our viewpoint. Enquiries (*Sample-copy $2.*) to: Carl Williams, P.O. Box 1569, Lillington, NC-27546 (*NOTE NEW ADDRESS!!!*).

MAGICAL BLEND quarterly slick-paper magazine with a *Psuchology Today*-style format seems to us to be designed more for the "starry-eyed New-Ager" and/or the "faddy-Craftie" reader with a "heavy mystic bent" than for the serious Journeyman Practitioner in Earth Religion(s), Shamanic, or Magical Practice. Perhaps interesting as a "fad-phenomenon", but the $3.50/issue or $12/yr.-4 issues ($16 overseas) seems to us "a bit steep" for what one gets from: *Magical Blend*, P.O. Box 11303, San Francisco, CA-94101.

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OBSERVED PHENOMENON:

If a person lives in an environment predominant in an Element (Air, Fire, Water, Earth) she/he has little of, that person will go "down tone".

-- Linda --
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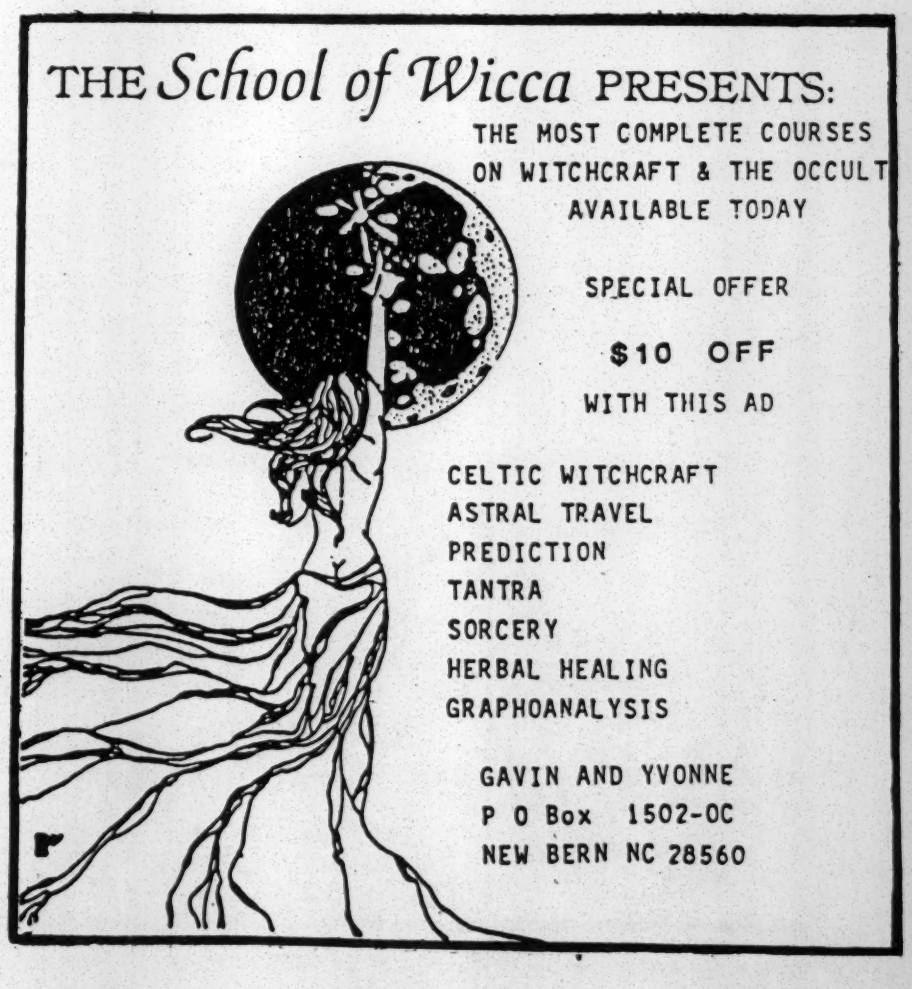

Ask the Old Man:

Question: What is likely to be the situation in America late September-early October?

Hexagram (Answer):

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	Oppression (Exhaustion)		The Joyous, Lake

Late September looks like a time when enthusiasms and opportunities are both likely to have been exhausted, with resultant tendencies toward depression and hopelessness.

DECIDE WHAT YOU TRULY WANT FOR YOU AND SET ABOUT CALMLY AND CHEERFULLY AND STEADFASTLY WORKING TOWARD THAT.

Early October looks like a time for cultivating inner firmness and self-generated good-feeling, and for discussing and applying basic truths of Life with one's close friends.

SEEK YOUR HAPPINESS AND WELL-BEING WITHIN YOURSELF, AND ASSOCIATE WITH THOSE WITH WHOM YOU CAN CONGENIALLY SEEK OUT AND USE BASIC TRUTHS OF LIVING.

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TRAVELLING CHAOTIC?!?!?!

About the 1st of August (7/29-8/3), some unusual Influence passed through the Denver area, leaving in its wake a good deal of psycho-emotional turbulence, plus actual atmospheric disturbances.

A few days later, whatever it was seems to have passed across Salt Lake City, Utah, and on westward, reaching the San Francisco area about mid-month (8/14-8/17).

About a week later, it appears to have arrived in the vicinity of Tokyo--there were 6 major "problems" with airliners there within 48 hours, the big crash being only the greatest of the "problems".

At August-end, Western China has been experiencing unexpected and devastating floodings.

It occurs to us to wonder if this Influence is one or more of the Chaotics released into this Plane during the "Albuquerque Incident" with mis-applied crystal-usage Hallowmas '83.

-- *Thunderbow* --

VOICES IN THE WIND:

More Thoughts on Morals

Though Man is an animal that lives in the context of its own creation, it is no different from other animals in the need for air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat, and shelter from the elements.

In the struggle to survive, the Individual often finds it easier to Take rather than to Trade, or to Destroy rather than to Divert; and these are the actions that bring about the idea of Morality, the idea of defining whether or not deeds committed by Individuals or by Groups of individuals "rightfully" or "wrongfully" intrude on the "territories" of any other Beings.

In essence, then, Morality is the idea as to whether an action is "Right" or "Wrong".

As an Individual, you have several choices in each of your daily actions; you may--
1) take from the world,
2) give to the world,
3) exchange with the world,
4) receive from the world, or--
5) be "ripped off" by the world.

Your (*individual*) nature is best described by (*the character of*) the actions which predominate in your behaviour, as--
1) Criminal (Thief),
2) Criminal (Assassin),
3) Trader,
4) Victim (Stagnation), or--
5) Victim ("Ripped Off").

It may not be obvious, but one can not Take from the Universe forever. There is a limit to the resources of this planet (which few people ever recognize); and when this limit is reached, there is no escape from the Law of Entropy.

If you wish a well-balanced Life, you must have a well-balanced nature -- you must overcome your training as a Criminal or a Victim. Your nature will determine the way in which the world reacts to you.

-- Paul --
Montana

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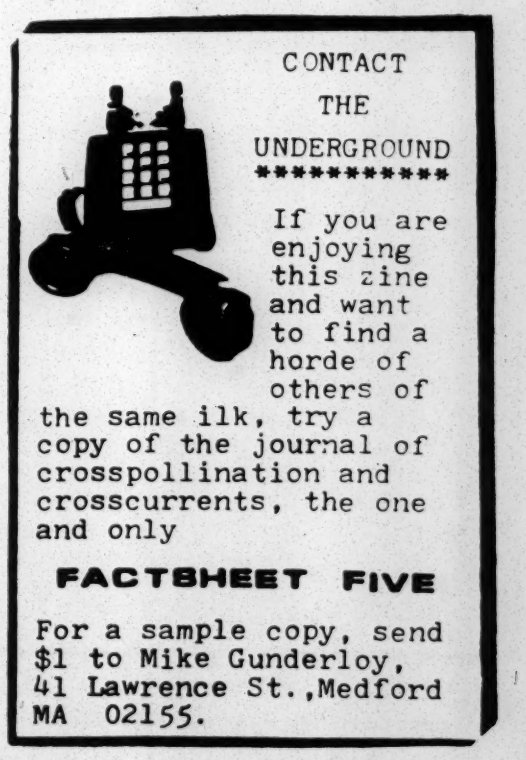
Muse:

Humans by nature are beings of twilight
and moonlight and overcast days.
We are Hunters, our Quarry
the measure of our worth.

-- Morag na Beinne --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PRACTITIONERS' NOTES:

Phenomena & Response

In the last month-&-a-half, several urban areas including Denver have been experiencing an unusual "energy-blanketing" in the Midnight-3am time-period, the heaviest effects 1-to-3am.

One commonly-reported effect has been insomnia and/or not-quite-nightmare dreams causing a wake-up during the affected time-period, while others report "no-cause" headache, depression, or anger-feelings either upon morning waking or just prior to going to bed (at about Midnight).

The energies in question also appear to aggregate in the living-spaces of persons having tendencies to depression, anger-suppression, or tension-related physical problems, as well as aggregating in office-spaces and such where such persons go to seek help.

Visually (not psychically!), an aggregating of these energies in an area produces a sense of the lighting being dimmer than usual, and a "sooty" appearance to shadows instead of the usual mere absence-of-light-but-clear.

For Magical Practitioners, a standard Firebowl Housecleaning with Pine-&-Sage, *Three Kings*, or *Cathedral* incense every 3-4 days in rooms evidencing "contamination" seems to handle the phenomena accompanying the energies.

Another Procedure, one that can be used by persons with no Magical training if need be, that has been effective is the Charging and Burning in the bedroom and/or other affected areas of either a Sun-Yellow or a Bright-Blue Candle for 15-20 minutes every 2-3 days, the Candle Charged (programmed!) thusly:

"Child of Wonder, Child of Sun," (for Sun-Yellow) OR *"Child of Wonder, Child of Flame,"* (for Bright-Blue) --
Cleanse these Walls; Cleanse this Space;
Far from Here, Send Baneful Trace!
Child of Wonder, Child of ...,
Shield these Walls; Shield this Space;
Far from Here, Keep Baneful Trace!
'Til This Be Done and It Be So,
Thus My Will and So It Be!"

Note 1: Light Candle with Wooden or Paper match, the "deliver" the Charge (Program) as the energy-aura grows. (Attention-focus on Candle.)

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Practitioners' Notes - cont'd:

Note 2: When "handing out" this Procedure to a person without Magical bacground, you should "stress" that regardless of the form of the "Address-Lines" of the Charge, the Candle is NOT being considered as a Living Being; the Operator is only programming the energies in a manner similar to programming a computer.

Note 3: Many persons have reported that if an area is "contaminated" with the energies in question, the Candle will, regardless of size or wax-composition, burn with a sooty flame for the first 2-3 minutes of the "burn".

Note 4: Any particular Candle may be Blown out and re-lit repeatedly for the 15-20-minute "burns", But it must be Charged with each lighting.

In closing, Church Of Seven Arrows & *Thunderbow* are investigating possible sources of this "energy-blanketing" phenomenon and will report investigation-results in future issues of *T-bow*, provided of course that the phenomenon persists long enough to permit such.

-- Seven Arrows' Researches --

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American Carnunga:

Doodle Soup

Did you ever want to use instead of waste the drippings from baking or frying chicken but not have any ideas how to do this? Spice them up with hot pepper and vinegar and serve over soda-crackers or buiscuits.

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-- Sally Serendipity --

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ENTHEOGENS & MAGIC:

Belladonna

Both *Deadly Nightshade* & *Belladonna* (beautiful lady) are names for a semi-toxic plant whose leaves & flowers induce vivid, organized hallucinations, visions, & extreme vertigo which can lead to a feeling of levitation.

Its active alkaloids, *hyoscyamin* & *scopolomine*, produce very concrete and elaborate images of other peoples & places when ingested in doses above 80-100mg. dried.

Taken together by groups of occultists, it is said to allow a common spirit to manifest within each person (*in the group*). This spirit is said to produce visions which are shared by all at the same time.

It is also said that until camaraderie is achieved between each participant & the plant's inner spirit, strong poisonous reactions will take place which can be deadly. In all experiments, be sure to have a "sitter" on hand in case of problems.

My own personal experiments with *Belladonna* did indeed cause a feeling of flying. I lay in trance upon the floor for over 4 hours & had the physical sensation of having my legs & feet lifted up over my head by invisible hands!

My inner visions, which were in 3-D & color, included trips to other cities & people that I did not recognize but can still vividly remember.

This plant, which is related to the potato, can be picked wild in most parts of the United States.

Books to read to learn more about *Belladonna* would include Michael Harner's *Hallucinoges & Shamanism*, Hoffman's *Botany & Chemistry of Hallucinogens*, & Schulte's *Hallucinogenic Plants*.

Next Article: Amanita Muscaria

-- Thomas Lyttle --
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Earth - Watch:

The list of July earthquakes from "J.S." indicates at least temporarilly reduced quake activity:
7/13-San Diego (CA)@2.8
7/23-Coalinga (CA)@3.1
7/29-Afghanistan/Pakistan@7.0

Geologists & geographers have recently found evidence that the southeast corner of our continent, mainly Florida and southern Georgia, is not acually part of North America but is instead a piece of some other land-mass left behind after some long-ago collision-&-separation, probably with Africa.

There are indications in Colorado and Wyoming that the Winter, at least in these areas, is likely to be early and very cold, some Fall phenomena usually associated with mid-to-late September already appearing; and local "bugologists" have reported finding that the nestwalls of paper-making wasps and hornets are extraordinarilly thick this year.

The report from "J.S." (above) also mentioned heightened energy-levels in the Long Valley-Mammoth Lakes area (California). *(And see note in page 1 "Happenings".)*

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CONTEMPLATION:

"Freedom is a country you can enter only if you come alone, and without baggage."

-- Ashleigh Brilliant --

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Star-Studies:

Earthquakes & Eclipse-Points

I recently read that many big earthquakes are Eclipse-related, occurring on days when a Planet forms a 0-degree, 90-degree, or 180-degree angle with a recent Eclipse-point.

On May 19, 1985, a partial Eclipse was visible over Northeastern Asia, Northwestern Europe, and Northern North America, the Eclipse-point for this being 28 degrees Taurus and making July 5, Aug. 28, Sept. 21, Oct. 17 & 18, and Dec. 2 & 12 times to watch for large quakes related to this Eclipse-point.

A Nov. 12, 1985, Eclipse over Antarctica could give a Venus-triggered quake Nov. 25 or 26; and if this occurs, look for something on Dec. 7th.

At least so says *Llewellyn's 1985 Moon Sign Book!*

-- J.S. --
California

Interesting thought! Anyone else out there want to help "J.S." look into this and let us know the results?

-- Urania --

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Voice of the Turtle:

"Bugger Factors" - Part II

As implied in last month's "*Voice of the Turtle*", the failure of Traditional Procedures to produce the Traditional Effects with 20th-Century peoples is not necessarily a result of some failure in "reproduction" of the Traditional Procedure but may instead be a failure to take into account that the Traditional Procedures were designed to produce the Traditional Effects with persons having VERY different Social, Psycho-Emotional, and Religious "Backgrounding" from that of a Modern Person, "Native" or otherwise.

For instance, virtually Everyone growing up in Modern America has more-or-less-"Subconsciously" accepted one or more of the following "Everybody-Knows" or "It-Goes-Without-Saying" Basic ("Of-Course") Ideas:

1. Humanity, Individually & Collectively, is in some unspecified way Alien to Earth's Ecology and, hence, MUST Alter or Destroy the Natural Ecology in order to Survive.
2. Being Human means *a priori* that one is necessarily both Powerless and "Wrong".
3. A Person IS her/his Body, and/or Thoughts or Mind, and/or Emotions, and/or Actions & Possessions.
4. Other Spiritual Beings, particularly ones more Knowledgeable and/or Powerful than Humans--
   a. Exist only as Human-created "Mock-ups" fantasized by People in order to explain or compensate for Human Weaknesses or Failings, OR--
   b. Exist only Extra-Terrestrially (e.g., in Heaven, or on other Planets, etc.).

By comparison, a majority of Traditional Tribal Peoples (by and for whom the Traditional Procedures were designed!) had one or more of the following as Basic "Of-Courses":

1. Humanity, Individually & Collectively, is a Natural Part of Earth's Ecology and, as such, has a Proper Function within that Ecology and, hence, need Not struggle against the Ecology for Survival, if the Proper Function be fulfilled.
2. It is Very MUCH "O.K." to be Human! AND--being Human means being Powerful & Capable!
3. A Person IS a SPIRIT that HAS (as Owned Possessions!) a Body, Mind & Thoughts, Emotions, and so on, but is NOT the SAME as Them.
4. Earth has a Spirit-Community with Beings Other than Humans as Co-Inhabitants with Man, some of these More Knowledgeable & Capable than Humans and others Less so than Humans.

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Voice of the Turtle - cont'd:

5. The Proper sources of Guidance and Aid if or when such be Desired are--
   a. One's own Direct Experience & Knowledge,
   b. OR Other Beings in Earth's Spirit-Community (NOT Extra-Terrestrial Beings & Influences!!!).

It is MY Proposition that a Responsible Teacher or Group-Leader in Earth-Religion Practice will design and use Procedures and Rituals that are "geared" to "moving" Students and Participants from the 1st to the 2nd of the above-outlined "Belief-Sets" BEFORE engaging in the use of Traditional Procedures in a Traditional Manner -- if it is the Traditional Effects that are being sought that is.

And for some current Teachers and Group-Leaders, this Process should perhaps begin with Self, the mere fact of attaining to Teacher or Group-Leader status by many of the current means Not being sufficient to free one from many of the Cultural "Of-Courses" one has gotten.

Take your Time, Think it Through, and Do It Right!!!

-- Kahóte --

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SEVEN ARROWS' DOINGS:

August was one of those months wherein much happened; yet, in retrospect, it is difficult to "sort out" highlights to report.

1. George & Dee did the New Moon--21 Participants, including Crystal & her husband from Phoenix Coven in Long Beach (Calif.).
2. The "ripple" that went through did result in many new contacts, some of whom plan to become students here.
3. A variety of travels by Church Of Seven Arrows people resulted in reports of many events indicating that things are indeed "progressing" with World-Change.

"On Deck" for September --

1. Dee & George will be doing the September New Moon, at which we expect some more "new faces".
2. Another *Basic Magic* study-series will begin September 15, Sunday, at 7:30pm (26 weeks, No Tuition!).
3. All 3 of the *Shaman's Notes* books, plus the #3 book in the Magic-series are "up for" reprinting a.s.a.p.!

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